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Today's Topics:

 FCC takes action on future scanner manufacture
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 What prevents someone from having 2 amateur licenses?

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Send subscription requests to: <Ham-Policy-REQUEST@UCSD.Edu>
Problems you can't solve otherwise to brian@ucsd.edu.

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(by FTP only) from UCSD.Edu in directory "mailarchives/ham-policy".

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sun, 14 Feb 93 19:03:53 GMT
From: pacbell.com!att-out!walter!porthos!dancer!whs70@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: FCC takes action on future scanner manufacture
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

This was a response in misc.legal which I think is worth posting
in the above identified newsgroups also.

In article <1lks9uINNt1k@srvr1.engin.umich.edu> pecampbe@mtu.edu (Paul of clan
Campbell of Argyll) writes:

>sohl,william h (whs70@dancer.cc.bellcore.com) wrote:
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>> 9. There currently are a number of frequency converters on the
>>market that can be used in conjunction with scanners that receive
>>frequencies below 800 MHz to enable the reception of cellular
>>telephone transmissions. We are proposing to deny equipment
>>authorization to converters that tune, or can be readily altered by
>>the user to tune, cellular telephone frequencies. We will require that
>>applicants for FCC equipment authorization of frequency converters

>>used with scanners include in their applications a statement pledging
>>that the converters cannot be easily altered to enable a scanner to
>>receive cellular transmissions. We seek comment on whether this
>>statement should also include evidence indicating why the converter
>>cannot be easily modified.

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>Yeah, right! A band converter is one of the most simple hardware
>devices there is. This will automatically outlaw most of the sample
>kits that Mini-Circuits sells, even though there are designed to allow
>developers to play with Mini-Circuits Labs' mixers.

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>If you take it to that level, you won't be able to sell microwave
>transistors anymore, either, because a microwave transistor could
>potentially be used as a band converter in a wide frequency range.

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>Similarly, a lot of the new digital oscilloscopes with built in
>spectrum analysis will be illegal now.

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>I could make this list rather extensive, but the fact is that this
>section is unenforceable. In some cases, the LNB for your satellite
>dish may be modified. In many more cases, your cable descrambler/
>converter will become illegal, because the guts could potentially
>be used as a band converter in the cellular band.

Date: Fri, 12 Feb 1993 16:00:17 GMT

From: unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!zaphod.mps.ohio-
state.edu!pacific.mps.ohio-state.edu!cis.ohio-state.edu!udecc.engr.udayton.edu!
udcps3!dmapub!apontej@mvb.saic.com

Subject: HF Auto vs Remote Control Packet?

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Can anyone comment on the legitimacy per FCC rules of the STA for HF automatic
operation of packet vs. the remote control operator for HF packet. I am also
trying to identify which auto BBS allow connection on 20m to a non-bbs and
what their call sign and frequencies are?

packet: n8wpb@w8bi.#day.oh.usa.na or n8wpb@n8acv.#day.oh.usa.na

the packet station call letters being used on 20m are w8bi the club station.

Date: Mon, 15 Feb 93 02:04:42 MST

From: cs.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!kakwa.ucs.ualberta.ca!ersys!ve6mgs!rec-radio-
info@beaver.cs.washington.edu

Subject: Welcome to rec.radio.info!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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Last-modified: \$Date: 1993/02/14 09:17 \$
Version: \$Revision: 1.02 \$

*** Welcome to rec.radio.info! ***

Welcome to rec.radio.info, a group that aims to provide a noise-free source of information and news for the entire rec.radio hierarchy.

Two introductory articles about rec.radio.info are posted to the group and to news.answers every two weeks. You are now reading the first article, which explains what rec.radio.info is, and answers some Frequently Asked Questions. The second article is titled "Submission Guidelines", and you only need to read it if you want to submit an article to rec.radio.info.

-- What is the purpose of rec.radio.info?

The purpose or charter of rec.radio.info is to provide the Usenet community with a resource for information, news, and facts about any and all things radio.

All the other rec.radio groups are intended for discussions and general chit chat about radio. Rec.radio.info will contain informational, factual articles only. Follow-ups are redirected to an appropriate other group, and further discussion (if any) will not take place in rec.radio.info.

In order to ensure that rec.radio.info contains only appropriate articles, it was decided to create the group as a moderated newsgroup.

-- Why are messages almost always cross posted to rec.radio.info?

It provides a "tag" for each article to be assembled into a filtered presentation in rec.radio.info (even with cross-posting, only one message, with a unique Message-ID, is propagated across the net). This tag also facilitates a pre-existing method of dropping or cancelling the articles locally within the discussion groups if you don't want to see them. This accommodates individuals who want to separate the bulletins from the discussions, discussions from the bulletins, as well as those who are adamant about not reading another newsgroup and wanted to see everything all in one basket.

With the total size of Usenet (in number of newsgroups and total traffic) doubling every year or so, this is no insignificant contribution to reducing information noise and chaos. Making the discussion groups a catch-all, and making extra newsgroups filters on that catch-all, is also the most realistic way to implement such a scheme (It's not intuitively obvious what the charter, contents, and general appropriate topics for each and every newsgroup are.

Seeing FAQ's and charter/intro postings in the home newsgroup is beneficial for new readers).

By cross-posting one only is adding a few tens of bytes to each bulletin (to specify the extra group on the Newsgroups line), but are adding the capability for very powerful filtering features available on most news servers and readers. Your local news guru could probably explain these features in more detail.

-- What is a 'follow-up', and what does 'moderated' mean?

If you are new to Usenet and are not familiar with the terminology, you might want to read the general introductory articles found in the newsgroup `news.announce.newusers`. Doing so will make your life on the net much easier, and will probably save you from making silly beginner's mistakes.

If you think that at this moment you are reading an echo, a conference, or a bulletin board, I'd also strongly suggest a trip over to `news.announce.newusers`.

For the rest of this article, I will assume you have a basic knowledge of Usenet terminology and mechanics.

-- OK, so now I know what 'moderated' means. Tell me more.

`Rec.radio.info` is a moderated newsgroup, which means that all articles submitted to the group will have to be approved by the moderator first.

The current moderator of the group is Mark Salyzyn. Submissions to `rec.radio.info` can be posted, or e-mailed to:

`rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca`

Comments, criticisms, suggestions or questions about the group can be e-mailed to:

`rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca`

But before you do so, please be sure to check out the "Submission Guidelines" article.

The influence of the moderator should be minimal and of an administrative nature, consisting chiefly of weeding out obviously inappropriate articles, while making sure correct headers etc. are used for the appropriate ones.

-- What type of material is considered inappropriate?

There are three broad categories of articles which will be rejected by the moderator:

- 1) Requests for information: rec.radio.info is strictly a one-way street. I receive information in my mailbox; I then post it to rec.radio.info. Requests for specific information belong in the normal discussion newsgroups. If your request gets answered, you might consider passing the answer on to rec.radio.info, though. Especially if you can edit it into a informational, rather than a discussion, format.
- 2) Obvious discussion articles, or articles that appear unsubstantiated.
- 3) Commercial stuff: a relatively unbiased test of a radio product would be accepted, but any hint of for-profit might be reason for rejection. For three reasons: This is not the purpose of the list, for-profit is a controversial topic, and this list may be passed onto Amateur Packet Radio (where for-profit is prohibited except under certain provisos).

rec.radio.swap may be more deserving of the posting in any matter.

Similarly, copyrighted material generally cannot be used. If it's TRULY worthwhile to the net, I would recommend obtaining permission from the copyright holder. Please note the source, and if permission was given. I reserve the right to make the final decision concerning appropriateness in all situations. In most cases, a brief summary of, or pointer to, the copyrighted information may be all I can allow.

-- I do not have access to news, how can I get the information posted to rec.radio.info?

brian@UCSD.EDU (Brian Kantor) has kindly supplied a mail list server for rec.radio.info. Non of the articles will be digested, due to their size, so you will receive individual mailings for every article posted to the group.

Mail sent to radio-info@ucsd.edu will be forwarded to the moderator and thus is an alias to rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

To subscribe and unsubscribe via the listserver; the format for that is

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sub address radio-info
unsub address radio-info
```

where 'address' is your full mailing address. Send this request to

```
listserv@ucsd.edu
```

Note that the server will automatically delete any address that bounces mail. If you leave the address portion blank, it will try to deduce your address from the mail headers. This may not work if you are on bitnet, milnet or some other non-Unix host, so it is recommended to put your return address

in any case. For example:

```
sub mymailbox@myhost.mydomain.mil radio-info
or
sub MEMEME01@DMBHST.bitnet radio-info
```

or something like that.

-- Will the material appearing in rec.radio.info be archived somewhere?

Yes. Still firming up details at the moment but here is a preliminary list:

- unbc.edu as maintained by Lyndon Nerenberg <lyndon@unbc.edu>
- nic.funet.fi maintained by Risto Kotalampi <rko@cs.tut.fi>
saved to /pub/dx/text/rec.radio.info currently stored as
numbered files.

Effectively this means that anything you post to rec.radio.info will be permanently stored, so your work will not be lost.

-- I have a regular posting with timely information, is there a way to speed up it's delivery, or automate for more convenience?

Yes, there is! It may take a bit of chatter with the moderator, but we are willing to take responsible people and provide them the means of posting the articles directly from their site. We will try everything we can as we fully realize that DX (distant signal) and astronomical data can be somewhat transitory. We are also willing to allow regular posters of information the same courtesy, even if the information is not as timely.

We refer to this as self-moderation, which is partly based on the model for news.answer. This requires co-operation and good will to be beneficial to the community in the rec.radio hierarchy.

I suggest reading the posting guidelines for more information. I am open to suggestions.

I thank the following individuals for their input into this article:

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The rec.music.info moderator ...
The rec.radio.broadcasting moderator Bill Pfeiffer wdp@gagme.chi.il.us
Paul W. Schleck, KD3FU pschleck@unomaha.edu
Ian Klufft, KD6EUI iklufft@uts.amdahl.com
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Mark Salyzyn -- Moderator rec.radio.info

Submissions to: rec-radio-info@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

Administrivia to: rec-radio-request@ve6mgs.ampr.ab.ca

* Requests for information do *not* belong in rec.radio.info *

Date: 15 Feb 93 03:10:04 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: What prevents someone from having 2 amateur licenses?
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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>Date: 10 Feb 93 15:16:58 GMT
>From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
>Subject: What prevents someone from having 2 amateur licenses?
>To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu
>
>>>> call kb6qmu
>>Call-Sign: KB6QMU Class: NOVICE
>>Real Name: LUCIA X SZYMANSKI Birthday: DEC 30, 1927
>>Mailing Address: 6617 WOFFORD BLVD RT BOX 17, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA 93285
>>Station Address: 6617 WOFFORD BLVD, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA
>>Valid From: APR 14, 1987 To: APR 14, 1997
>>Records Last Processed: APR 14, 1987
>>

>>>> call kk6ch
>>Call-Sign: KK6CH Class: ADVANCED
>>Previously: N6PFB Class: GENERAL
>>Real Name: LUCIA SZYMANSKI Birthday: DEC 30, 1927
>>Mailing Address: 6617 WOFFORD BLVD RT BOX 17, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA 93285
>>Station Address: 6617 WOFFORD HEIGHTS BLVD, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA
>>Valid From: NOV 14, 1989 To: NOV 14, 1999
>>Records Last Processed: NOV 14, 1989
>

Well, I have a way to check against a system like DMV files and I show
that the correct name is Lucia A. Szymanski. A = Aragon and is a FEMALE
not a male.

Date of birth and address match

Tim Wright KD40VM

Date: 14 Feb 1993 22:28:58 GMT
From: usc!rpi!think.com!enterpoop.mit.edu!ai-lab!silver.lcs.mit.edu!
moisan@network.UCSD.EDU
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Feb11.163708.24946@porthos.cc.bellcore.com>,
<1lks9uINNt1k@srvr1.engin.umich.edu>,
<1993Feb14.190353.10943@porthos.cc.bellcore.com>

Subject : Re: FCC takes action on future scanner manufacture

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| David Moisan, N1KGH      /^\_\/^\      dmoisan@pro-angmar.alfalfa.com |
| 86 Essex St. Apt #204 ( o ^ o ) moisan@silver.lcs.mit.edu           |
| Salem. MA 01970-5225      | |                                           |
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Date: Mon, 15 Feb 93 01:51:25 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!news.cs.indiana.edu!noose.ecn.purdue.edu!en.ecn.purdue.edu!
n9ljx@network.UCSD.EDU
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1kn8qcINNes0@tamsun.tamu.edu>, <4jmswaa@dixie.com>,
<C24tw3.AoB@sugar.neosoft.com>e.edu
Subject : Re: all of this closed repeater stuff

In article <C24tw3.AoB@sugar.neosoft.com> jreese@NeoSoft.com (Jim Reese) writes:
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[mucho stuff cut out since we have all heard it before]

Awww jeeeeeezzz....here we go again :-(:-(:-(:-(:-(

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Operations Supervisor, ADPC phone: 317 494 7946
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47907-1061

Date: Sun, 14 Feb 1993 23:08:14 GMT
From: usc!wupost!udel!gatech!concert!unccsun.uncc.edu!jmcoving@network.UCSD.EDU
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <Pine.3.04.9302021726.A21654-b1000000@pennsy.med.jhu.edu>,
<C1vJv5.Arp@unccsun.uncc.edu>, <6751.2b7a8a99@hayes.com>"
Subject : Re: How can a WA4xxx call belong to a novice?

In article <6751.2b7a8a99@hayes.com> bcoleman@hayes.com (Bill Coleman) writes:
>In article <C1vJv5.Arp@unccsun.uncc.edu>, jmcoving@unccsun.uncc.edu (John
Covington WN4BBJ) writes:
>> In late 1977 and early 1978, the FCC allowed you to request any previously
>> held callsign as long as it was not held by someone else within the last
>> year (renewal grace period).

>

>I think this program was limited to Extra class operators, no?

No, anyone could request it; I was Advanced class at the time I requested my old WN4 call back; there were others who had even lower classes that requested former calls (look up K4BVJ for example, he is only a Novice but has a 1x3 which was from Technician or higher back in the 1950s).

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John Covington WN4BBJ Internet: jmcoving@mosaic.uncc.edu
P.O. Box 217122 MCI Mail: JCOVINGTON 342-6957
Charlotte, NC 28221-7122 Packet Radio Mail: WN4BBJ @ N7IJI.#CLT1.NC.USA.NA
(704) 537-7653 "Kenneth, what's the frequency?" "I dunno, ask Dan"

Date: Mon, 15 Feb 93 04:08:07 GMT
From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx!jmaynard@uunet.uu.net
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <4jmswaa@dixie.com>, <C24tw3.AoB@sugar.neosoft.com>, <mnzs9!
l@dixie.com>ard
Subject : Re: all of this closed repeater stuff

In article <mnzs9!l@dixie.com> jgd@dixie.com (John De Armond) writes:
>Well, you can rant and rave and wave your arms all you like but the fact
>remains, if the cactus boys charge an admission fee to their closed
>little world, they are as illegal as hell.

If you're so all-fired sure about this, then FILE A COMPLAINT!!!

Otherwise, kwitcherbitchin.

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can
jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity.
"Support your local medical examiner - die strangely." -- Blake Bowers

Date: Mon, 15 Feb 93 00:02:50 GMT
From: usc!wupost!emory!rsiatl!jgd@network.UCSD.EDU
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1kn8qcINNes0@tamsun.tamu.edu>, <4jmswaa@dixie.com>,
<C24tw3.AoB@sugar.neosoft.com>
Subject : Re: all of this closed repeater stuff

jreese@NeoSoft.com (Jim Reese) writes:

>I've just about had enough of this.

>I'll tell YOU what John-- You don't have the foggiest notion about how these
>radio systems are REALLY run. Until you do, I'd suggest you close the
>"mouth of the south".

You're right, Jim. I don't know how to run a commercial amateur repeater network. Since it is illegal, I'll probably never know. I DO, on the other hand, know how to build and run an AMATEUR linked repeater network.

>You haven't seen any of the Armadillo or Cactus management bashing the
>open systems in Atlanta...so just lay off, OK?

Good reason we've not seen any bashing the open systems in Atlanta. Nothing to bash. They're legal AND socially friendly.

>It's one thing to have an intelligent discussion about the differences of
>opinion about open vs. closed radios, no code, or any other controversial
>facet of Ham Radio, but every post I've seen you make on this subject has
>been a PERSONAL ATTACK on someone.

>If you don't like it, fine...but the personal attacks only serve to weaken
>your position.

Well, you can rant and rave and wave your arms all you like but the fact remains, if the cactus boys charge an admission fee to their closed little world, they are as illegal as hell.

John

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John De Armond, WD40QC	Interested in high performance mobility?
Performance Engineering Magazine(TM)	Interested in high tech and computers?
Marietta, Ga	Send ur snail-mail address to
jgd@dixie.com	perform@dixie.com for a free sample mag
Need Usenet public Access in Atlanta?	Write Me for info on Dixie.com.

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